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Tuesday is Election Day!

The 2022 General Election is next Tuesday, November 8. Polls are open in Clark County from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There are basically three different ballots in Clark County.

Entities in Legislative District #4 are Blaine Township, Cottonwood Township, Spring Valley Township, Warren Township, Town of Bradley, Ash Township, Woodland Township, Thorp Township, Maydell Township, Eden Township, Town of Garden City, Mt Pleasant Township, Garfield Township, City of Clark, Day Township, Elrod Township, Foxton Township, Merton Township, Darlington Township, Hague Township, Lake Township, Pleasant Township, Town of Naples, Town of Vienna, Washing-

ton Township, Town of Willow Lake, Rosedale Township and Collins Township.

Entities of Clark County in Legislative District #22 are Raymond Township, Town of Raymond, Logan Township, Lincoln Township, Fordham Township and Richland Township.

Entities that will have the County Commissioner District 5 commissioner race include: Day Township, Elrod Township, Foxton Township, Pleasant Township, Lake Township, Washington Township, Town of Naples and Town of Vienna.

There are two federal positions on the ballot, for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative. On the state level, there are seven constitutional offices on the ballot: governor/

lt. governor; attorney general; secretary of state, auditor; treasurer; commissioner of school and public lands and public utilities commissioner.

There are several non-political judge positions on the ballot as well. Please look the ballots over from top to bottom so you are familiar, without any questions whatsoever, as you vote.

There are two measures as well on the ballot, Constitutional Amendment D and Initiated Measure 27 (Check last week's Courier for detailed information on all ballot items.)

Check on page eight for your respective polling place.

Feasibility study underway for a potential Clark hotel

Choose Clark County has just commissioned a feasibility study through Grey Hospitality to explore the potential for a hotel to be located in Clark, S.D. The Greater Clark Area Community Foundation is covering the cost of the feasibility study through a grant to Choose Clark County (CCC), the economic development 501(c)(3) non-profit for Clark County.

"Discussion keeps popping up around Clark about the need for lodging," said Kristin Vandersnick, CCC Executive Director. "Conducting a feasibility study will be a good first step to get a professional evaluation of the need and a look into the financials."

Grey Hospitality, a member of Cayuga Hospitality Consultants, specializes in these types of studies. The company comes highly recom-

mended and has worked as close as the Miller, S.D. area.

Sean Skellie, Principal with Grey Hospitality, will personally visit Clark to conduct a multi-day site visit. Depending on schedules, his site visit could potentially happen yet in October.

In addition to a thorough market analysis, the study will include the examination of potential sites around Clark. Event space, restaurants, shopping, and other guest services will all be taken into consideration. The study will make some recommendations on the ideal size and type of hotel for us, and it will also put together estimated development costs and 5- to 10-year operating projections.

"Choose Clark County is grateful to the community foundation for partnering with us to make this fea-

sibility study happen. We're excited to work with the consultant during the study, and we're committed to following through after the study to see where the hotel conversations could lead," Vandersnick added.

Mystery Snowperson Clue
54th Annual Snow Queen Festival
Mystery Snowperson Contest

Frosty says: "I know more people in the area by name than most people."

Send guesses to: Erin Heiman, 17746 426th Ave., Clark, SD 57225 or email: clarksnowqueen@gmail.com



The trailer says it all! Jackson Werdel, owner of JW Pressure Washing does everything from sidewalks, to driveways, to shop floors, to decks/patios, to garage floors, to farm equipment and more. Werdel can be reached at 605-532-5914, and at Tony's Collision Center.

Jackson Werdel has started JW Pressure Washing

Jackson Werdel's business started as a senior project. The 2022 Clark High School graduate built the trailer pictured above as his senior project, with his dad, Tony, as his mentor.

Now six months later, he is busy pressure washing everything from tractors in the field to commercial buildings.

"It's definitely not an 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. job," said Werdel. "When the business isn't open, or when the equipment isn't in use, that's when

I take over and get every thing cleaned up."

As Werdel showed off the new trailer he and his dad built, he opened the back end and showed all the pressure washing equipment. He uses an 8.5 gallon per minute high-end commercial pressure washing system.

And, the great part about it, it's mobile. Werdel can come to you, regardless of where you are located at the time. He can come straight to the farm, if need be.

Werdel said he has been busy, washing tractors, semis, combines, grain carts and residential driveways, decks/patios as well as commercial buildings.

He explained how his reclaimer system works as an inside garage surface cleaner. The water is reclaimed as you go along, so no water remains when the job is finished.

This fall, Werdel has cleaned the Ullyot Building, the Community Oil fertilizer plant, Cross Country Veterinary Clinic and the Big C.



Drinking water system improvements expected to be done in Clark, in 2023

The City of Clark has reinforced the drainage concrete system at the corner of 2nd Avenue N. and Smith Street.

The city crew plus Jake Liebke have done the work and now some sort of guard will be in place so semi tractor-trailers don't 'cut the corner.'

This project has no correction to the drinking water system improvements story below. It is however, an upgrade to the street drainage system.

On page eight of this week's Clark County Courier is the detailed public notice of the City of Clark drinking water system improvement details.

This project is proposed for next year, and the majority of this work will take place south of U.S. Highway 212, in Clark. New PVC lines, new water meters

and the painting of water tower is what will be upgraded.

Clark was awarded a \$3,315,316 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan (1.875 percent - 30 years) and a \$4,297,054 American Rescue Plan Act grant to fund the project. Repayment of the SRF loan will be with water surcharge revenues. Current rates are \$43.00 per month based on 5,000 gallons usage. A surcharge of \$20.25 will be needed to meet the required debt coverage on the SRF loan.

The routine public notice is being published as preliminary work will begin shortly, and everything is set to go and has been approved by the mayor and the city council. The District I Planning Commission is also on board with this (almost) \$8,000,000 project.

Clark County District 5 commissioner election is Tuesday

The only Clark County local election in 2022 is for Clark County Board of Commissioners in District 5. Running for the board are incumbent Dick Reints and challenger Sara Gjerde.

Those who will vote in this election include: Day Township, Elrod Township, Foxton Township, Pleasant Township, Lake Township and Washington Township.

Each candidate was asked five questions and their answers follow:

Please tell us a little bit about yourself, your family, education, occupation, civic and community activities, etc.



Dick Reints



Sara Gjerde

Sara Gjerde - I was born and raised about 100 miles east of Vienna in southwestern Minnesota. I graduated from high school in Granite Falls and attended Ridge-water College in Willmar where I obtained a degree in Agri-Business. I was a college ambassador and President of the Postsecondary Agriculture Students organization. I served as the National Secretary for the same organization. I have lived in Clark County for nearly 15 years. My husband, Roy, farms with his family. I am a farm wife and stay at home mom to our four children who attend school in Willow Lake. We started and facilitate a non-profit to benefit literacy for the children of Clark County through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Dick Reints - I am a lifelong Pleasant Township resident. I've been married for 50 years. I have four adult children. I graduated from Willow Lake High School. I've been a Clark County farmer over 60 years. I've also been a Willow Lake Lions member for 45+ years, an American Legion member for 30 years, a volunteer with the Vienna Fire Department and a volunteer with the Willow Lake Ambulance.

What is your motivation in seeking the office of commissioner and what are your goals?

Sara Gjerde - I would like to be a voice for the people who live in

District 5. My goals include ensuring Clark County is as great for the people who are here as the people who would like to come here. We have great people and great opportunities and I do not want us to lose either. I also think it is important to be fiscally responsible to the residents while maintaining the county's duties.

Dick Reints - I feel I've done a good job representing residents of Clark County and would like to continue my service.

What do you feel should be the top three agenda priorities for the Clark County Board of Commissioners in going forward?

Sara Gjerde - Roads and Infrastructure, emergency services and fiscal diligence.

Dick Reints - I believe being responsible with tax dollars is a priority. Roads are a huge expense and priority. Having good personnel working and keeping them up is very important.

Why would you be the best person for this position?

Sara Gjerde - I am willing to ask questions, have conversations, listen, learn and research. Given the opportunity, I will give my best effort to bring representation for the residents. I offer a different perspective and a new option. I will serve with common sense and do

my best to address the concerns of District 5 residents.

Dick Reints - I believe my 20 year experience as a County Commissioner and 12 year experience as a Pleasant Township Supervisor gives me the ability to be a good Commissioner.

What are your thoughts about the proposed Washington Dairy?

Sara Gjerde - Clark County has ordinances in place for projects of this size. When a project is operating within the rules outlined in the ordinances and following through with their obligations it is like any other business. If residents have concerns over these projects that are not addressed in

Commissioner (continued on page 8)

WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
October 25	47	30	0
October 26	56	27	0
October 27	56	26	0.14
October 28	52	38	0
October 29	61	37	0
October 30	62	37	0
October 31	62	35	0
2022 precipitation to date	18.41		
2021 precipitation to date	23.54		

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